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TO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SF, SHUM

SUBJECT: COMMENT ON HELEN SUZMAN

REF: CAPE TOWN 231

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD TELL COLIN EGLIN THAT THE REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A CRITICISM OF HELEN SUZMAN. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HOLDS HELEN SUZMAN IN HIGH REGARD AND HAS LONG ADMIRER HER BRAVE AND FORTHRIGHT STANDS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL PROBLEMS. SHE HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN PROMOTING PEACEFUL CHANGE AND HER DETERMINATION AND HIGH PRINCIPLES ARE RECOGNIZED BY ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FOLLOWED HER CAREER. FOR YEARS, HER COURAGEOUS AND LONELY STAND IN THE FACE OF BITTER PERSONAL AND POLITICAL ATTACKS HAS EARNED HER WELL DESERVED ADMIRATION.

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2. THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, HOWEVER, LIES IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO HOLD POWER.

A CHANGE OF POLICY ON THEIR PART IS REQUIRED IF SOUTH AFRICA IS TO REFORM ITS POLICIES OF INSTITUTIONALIZED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. AMERICAN INFLUENCE, THEREFORE, MUST ALSO BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THOSE IN THE

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE AND  
CARRY OUT DECISIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE RECOGNIZE  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE WHICH HELEN SUZMAN PLAYS  
IN SOUTH AFRICA. THOSE INDIVIDUALS LIKE HELEN SUZMAN  
WHO STAND IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL  
EQUALITY IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR  
SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT.  
HARTMAN

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